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Defection Prospect

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1. In 1946 subject was a Guards Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy CO of a military unit whose AFO was then 25981. Through German construction firms, this unit carried out the construction of bridges.
2. Subject is by profession an engineer. One of the projects handled by subject's unit was the construction of bases for radar installations along the Thuringian sector of the demarcation line.
3. In talking to Identity-2 on 22 February 1951, subject repeatedly stated that his position is that of chief of the "Amt fuer den Kriegswieder-aufbau" (this could be translated as construction of installations destroyed by war or of war installations - maybe an intended double entendre). Subject, who spoke very freely about the projects in which he is engaged, mentioned that he is responsible for the planning of construction work along the Baltic coast, in particular, Usedom. He also related that the railway by-pass around Berlin has been planned by him and is being constructed under his technical guidance.
4. Subject's office is located on Ehrenfeldstrasse No. 17 on the second floor of a four storey building. His private residence is on Kaiserstrasse, Oberachtmünde (the houses are unnumbered).
5. Subject is 1.66 meter in height; heavy build; fleshy face, bad teeth, smallpox scars, greying hair. He speaks fair German.
6. Subject's wife is an attractive woman in her thirties with prepossessing manners. Allegedly she was a teacher before she married subject. She speaks no German.
7. Subject is a Lt. Col. assigned to a Guards unit. He formerly served in an NKVD unit as a Major. The shoulder tabs on his uniform have yellow piping and two gold stars.

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8. Subject is known to be an excellent speaker. His assistants are with systematic regularity relieved of their positions and returned to the USSR. Treasurers, Identity-2 believes, are arranged by subject who by this means enable to protect himself against subordinates becoming too closely acquainted with what he is doing and thereby making himself indispensable as the only member of the organization fully acquainted with the business. This accounts for the fact that subject has managed to remain in Germany an unusually long time.

9. Subject has no inhibitions against accepting presents. He is believed to have taken a remunerative interest in black market transactions. On the occasion of Identity-2's first private visit to subject, the latter immediately broached the subject of purchasing a gold watch for subject's wife. From previous experience, Identity-2 knows that such purchases are usually rewarded by presents of moderate value (canned goods, cigarettes, etc.).

10. Subject is of Jewish origin, although not in appearance. He is believed to be strongly anti-Soviet. Identity-2, who just made the acquaintance of GULIKOV-5 in 1946, claims that subject, under the influence of alcoholic overindulgence, on one occasion tore Stalin's pictures off the wall of his house and stepped on them. Identity-2 is convinced that subject is pro-Western in his leanings. Subject, some time ago when visiting Identity-2 in the Western Sector, expressed a desire to defect, but said that he could not do so because his family lives in Moscow.

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